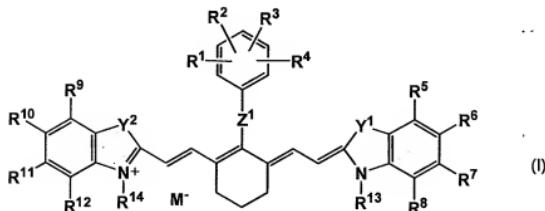


ABSTRACT

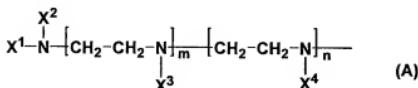
A fluorescent probe which specifically and efficiently traps nitrogen monoxide, zinc ion etc. to emit fluorescence is provided.

A compound represented by the following general formula (I):
[Formula 1]



[wherein R¹ and R² represent hydrogen atom, or a group represented by the following formula (A):

[Formula 2]



[wherein X¹ to X⁴ represent hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or a protective group for amino group, and m and n represent 0 or 1; R³ and R⁴ represent hydrogen atom, a C₁-₆ alkyl group, or a C₁-₆ alkoxy group; R⁵ to R¹² represent hydrogen atom, sulfo group, phospho group, a halogen atom, or a C₁-₁₈ alkyl group; R¹³ and R¹⁴ represent a C₁-₁₈ alkyl group; Z¹ represents oxygen atom, sulfur atom, or -N(R¹⁵)- (wherein R¹⁵ represents hydrogen atom, or a C₁-₆ alkyl group); Y¹ and Y² represent -C(=O)-, -C(=S)-, or -C(R¹⁶)(R¹⁷) (wherein R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ represent a C₁-₆ alkyl group); and M⁻ represents a counter ion in a number required for neutralizing the charge].